

Trade sentiment was fully steady to instances firm. Demand was moderate to good, best where feature activity was in progress. Offerings were in close balance to tight for current trade needs. In the parts complex, breast items were in good balance to tight and clearing. Leg quarters and wings were well cleared. Weights were mixed but mostly desirable.

Young Chickens Slaughtered under Federal Inspection Classified by Weight, WEEKENDING: Apr. 26, 2003

	FAST FOOD	RETAIL	DEBONING	TOTAL
Weight Range	4.20 & Down	4.21 – 5.25	5.26 & Up	----
Total (000)	28,712	24,779	44,172	97,663
Percentage	29%	25 %	45%	99 %

Fast Food and Food Service Sizes

<u>Live Weights</u>	<u>RTC WOG Weights</u>	<u>No. of Head (000)</u>	<u>Percentage of Total Slaughter</u>
3.60 lbs. & Lighter	Under 2 lbs., 8 oz.	1,234	1.26
3.61 – 3.80 lbs.	2 lbs., 8 oz. – 2 lbs., 10 oz.	9,140	9.36
3.81 – 4.00 lbs.	2 lbs., 10 oz., -2 lbs., 12 oz.	9,309	9.53
4.01 – 4.20 lbs.	2 lbs., 12 oz. - 2 lbs., 14 oz.	<u>9,029</u>	<u>9.25</u>
		28,712	29.40

BROILER EGG SET CHICKS PLACED IN 19 STATES COMPARED WITH U.S. BROILER SLAUGHTER

BROILER EGG SETS PLACED IN 15 STATES COMPARED WITH U.S. BROILER Slaughter										
Slaughter Week	Egg Sets		Chicks Placed		Eggs Set 10 Weeks Previous		Chicks Placed 7 Weeks Previous		Prelim. Fed. Insp. Million head Slaughtered	
	(000)	% *	(000)	% *	(000)	% *	(000)	% *	(000)	%* *
Mar 08	205,590	98	163,738	95	201,092	97	163,604	97	151,538	102
Mar 15	204,317	98	167,396	97	204,119	99	166,045	99	151,337	100
Mar 22	204,902	98	169,014	99	203,492	99	166,420	101	153,022	101
Mar 29	204,138	98	169,261	99	202,802	99	164,887	100	152,814	100
Apr 05	207,900	98	167,672	99	204,707	99	165,871	99	156,255	102
Apr 12	209,026	99	169,038	100	203,905	98	164,469	96	152,185	97
Apr 19	208,793	99	166,755	99	202,772	97	163,548	97	144,469	95
Apr 26	209,218	100	171,781	99	202,449	96	165,230	96	153,380	106
May 03	208,624	99	171,495	99	204,584	97	167,239	97	156,760	102

Data in bold are subject to revision *Percent of previous year **Percent change from previous week

Whole Broiler/Fryers (cents/lb.)	Majority	Current Week	Previous Week	Year Ago
Week of 05/12/03				
NEW YORK Grade A Ice-packed _____	53 – 56	55.09	52.39	49.67
CHICAGO Grade A Ice-packed _____	49 – 52	52.04	50.36	48.57
LOS ANGELES Grade A Ice-packed _____	69	67.09	67.01	65.54
12-CITY COMPOSITE Weighted Avg.		59.02	57.89	55.95
GEORGIA DOCK FOB Wtd. Avg. (Wed Dock 64.00)		63.00	62.36	62.35
SOUTHERN STATES FOB Whole Body 5 Day Avg.		47.56	46.10	41.51

Broiler/Fryer Parts (cents/lb.)	Northeast (Delivered)	Southern States (FOB)	Georgia (FOB)
<u>Weekly Weighted Average</u>	<u>05/09/03</u>	<u>05/09/03</u>	<u>05/12/03</u>
Breast – B/S	154.48	144.80	164.50
enderloins	137.70	145.15	185.50 (Line run)
Breast – Line Run	87.06	87.12	89.00 (Whole)
Leg Quarters	21.90	17.96	21.50
Wings	66.58	70.30	72.00